MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred Fortieth

Annual Session

OF THE

Original
Bear Creek
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pleasant Grove Church

UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17

1972

Next session convenes with Union Grove Church, located approximately 3 miles north of Monroe, N.C., on N.C. Highway 200, Morgan Mill Road.

OFFICERS

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LOCATION OF CHURCHES

BETHEL: 13 miles south of Shalotte, N.C., 2 miles off of Highway 17.

CORINTH: South Sims Street, Kings Mountain, N. C. 3 blocks off Highway 74.

CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, N. C.

HERRINS GROVE: 4 miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 2 miles south of Highway 73, on road 2610.

HIGH HILL: Just off Highway 601 north in the suburbs of Monroe, N. C., 1 mile north of Highway 74.

HIGH POINT: Rock Springs Road, 1½ blocks off Highway 70-A, High Point, N. C.

JERUSALEM: 12 miles north of Wadesboro, N. C., east of Highway 218, in the Olive Branch community.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, N. C.

LIBERTY HILL: 10 miles west of Albemarle, N. C. on Highway 27 near Red Cross.

MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road, between Highway 27 west and 200 north near Locust, N. C.

MILL'S CHAPEL: On China Grove Road, just off Lane Street, between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, N. C.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 6 miles northwest of Albemarle, N. C. in the Palistine community.

NEW HOPE: 9 miles east of Columbia, S. C., just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Road.

OAK GROVE: 9 miles south of Wadesboro, N. C., just off Highway 742.

PARK VIEW: On Hugh Street, just off Sprague Street (Highway 150) near Highway 311 in Winston-Salem, N. C.

PLEASANT GROVE: 3½ miles north of Marshville, N. C. approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on road 1632.

PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, N. C., south of Asheboro, N. C.

UNION: McAdenville, N. C. Springwood section, 1 block off Mt. Holly-McAdenville Road, ½ mile north of I-85.

UNION GROVE: On Highway 200 north, approximately 3 miles from Highway 74 north of Monroe, N. C.

WATSON: Approximately 10 miles east-northeast of Monroe on road 1627 (New Salem Road) approximately 6 miles east of Highway 200 north.

Proceedings

Of The 140th Annual Session of the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met with Pleasant Grove Church, Union County, North Carolina, Friday, September 15, 1972, and continued through Sunday following.

Brethren, Sisters, and friends assembled in the church at ten o'clock and engaged in songs of praise. Elder Edward Cagle, Roswell, Ga. led the Association in prayer to our Heavenly Father for His divine presence and guidance, after which Elder Joe C. Helms, Pastor of Pleasant Grove Church delivered the Introductory Sermon, from John 3: 1-15.

An hour of refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed by all, and the Association convened in the Church for business. There was a brief song service after which Elder Dewey Roten from the Senter Association led in prayer, and proceeded with business as follows: Elder Joe C. Helms, Pastor of the hostess church served as Moderator, Brother T. B. Curlee Church Clerk served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom to serve As Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptist who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from the sister churches of the Association which were read by Elder D. B. Willard and Elder Newell Helms and their status noted.

PLEASANT GROVE: Represented by entire membership.

UNION GROVE: Brethren Frank Bryant, Carl Haigler, Earnest Baucom, and Oren Williams

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren A. C. Medlin, Lane Vanhoy, Charlie McSwain, and Jerry Vanhoy.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Brethren Grant Sikes, Wilson Greene, James Horne, and Fred Helms

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Buford Hinson, W. T. Broadway, Bernard Simpson, and Thomas Broadway

HIGH POINT: Brethren Clyde Payne, Raymond Clark, Daniel Wilson, and D. R. Bowman

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Claude Hathcock, Ray Eudy, W. B. Simpson, and Fred Eudy.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Robert Copples, Reid Hunt, Elzie Auman, and Rankin Richardson

HIGH HILL: Brethren Larry Austin, Stanley Edwards, Bill Benton, and Donald Edwards.

PARK VIEW: Brethren Paul Tucker, Brady Johnson, John Gibbons, and Athel Smith

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Reece Eury, Ted Hatley, Hobart Medlin, and Craven Furr.

BETHEL: Elder W. M. Benton, Brethren Dudley Lewis, Charles Gore, and Leroy Mintz

CORINTH: Brethren Marvin Styers, Richard Styers, Walter Peterson.

HERRINS GROVE: Brethren J. L. Lewis, J. R. Almond, F. M. Harkey, and Barry Hatley

JERUSALEM: Brethren Floyd Thomas, Fred Baucom, Bennie Thomas, Sister Inez Edwards

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren B. L. Williams, Jeff Hardy, Elder Rom Kerley, and Brother Wayne Efird

NEW HOPE: Brother C. R. Smith

OAK GROVE: Letter

UNION: Brethren T. B. Polk, Floyd Hawks, Virgil Solomon, and Grady Braswell.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None presented.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

Preaching Committee: Elder C. M. Mills, Brethren Melvin Mills, A. E. Broome, Graydon Helms, Fred Baucom, and Wilburn Mullis.

Finance Committee: Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren T. B. Curlee, Carl Griffin,Clarence Smith, Carl Haigler, and Brady Polk.

5. Called for Presbytery Report: In compliance with a request from Corinth Primitive Baptist Church for ordained help to assist in the ordination of Brother Richard Styers to the office of deacon, the following formed into a presbytery Saturday evening May 20, 1972. Elders E. H. Simpson, F. W. Stack, Jr., Newell Helms, Joe Helms, W. M. Benton, and G. F. Watson. Deacons Virgil Solomon, Brady

Polk, Floyd Hawks, Larry Austin, Gradon Helms, Orlin Stewart, Wilson Greene, Fred Eudy, William Almond, Howard Collins, Lloyd Outen, Leonard Baucom, Carl Haigler, Oren Baucom, Floyd Thomas, Winfred Simpson, Wilburn Mullis, Sam Hartley, and Johnnie Freeman.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder A. D. McGee and wife, and son, Bobby, Elder Worth Stephenson and wife, Elder J. S. Stephenson, Brother Rom Clifton and wife, Brother J. W. Boykin and wife, Brother Seba Clifton and wife, Brethren Gerald Lawrence, Ronald Lawrence, Lou Lawrence, Mary Brooks, Sister Barbara Nell Strickland and Colemen, Brother Stokes Lawrence.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Elder Elzie D. Speir and wife, Elder Roy Speir and wife and children, Sister Beatrice Speir Bryant.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Elder Edward Cagle, Brother Keller Rampley.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Elder Gus Harter and wife and daughter, Licentiate Albert Wilson, Sisters Betty Wilson, Jan Corbitt, and Beulah Corbitt.

TENNESSEE-NOLAUCHUCKY: Brother W. B. Ogle and wife.

POWELLS VALLEY: Elder Davie Hembree and wife, Elder Roger Price, and Elder Micky Wilson.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder J. E. Johnson and wife, Elder J. L. Hopper and wife, Elder I. G. Heaven, Brother Ervin Brothers and wife, Brother Eugene Blackwood, Sister Avie Blackwood, Brother Troy Lambert and wife.

SOUTH ARKANASA: No correspondence.

The Ebenezer Association of Virginia requested formal correspondence with the Original Bear Creek Association. It was unanimously agreed by move, second, and vote that the request be tabled at this time due to incomplete information on a conflict that has existed in that area.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us and welcomed the following:

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Orvin J.

Huffman and Elder Gene F. Watson.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Wiley Sammons and wife.

KETOCHTON ASSOCIATION: Brother A. T. Odell

CHAMBERS CREEK ASSOCIATION: (Texas) Elder M. R. Alton and wife, Brother A. D. Blevins and wife, Brother Cal Trumbler, Sister Maggie Fielding.

SENTER ASSOCIATION: Elder Dewey Roten and Sister Stella Helms Blivens.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION: (Texas) Sister Elaine Rhodes.

UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION: Elder George McNure, Brother Archie Hutchinson and wife, Brother W. A. Coggins and wife.

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION: (Virginia) Licentiate Raymond Pressley and Brother Aubrey Utz.

BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION: (Oklahoma) Sister Lucille Leveridge.

SEQUATCHEE VALLEY-BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION: Brother J. B. Parker and wife.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION: (California) Elder Ervin E. Lyane

BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION: (Tenn.) Sister Jo Ann Martin.

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION: Brother M. A. Jenkins and wife, Brother J. Mack Osborne and wife.

MT. MORIAH CHURCH: (Kentucky) Elder Danny Parker.

BLUE RIDGE CHURCH: (Virginia) Elder A. J. Hylton.

ANTIOCH CHURCH: (Florida) Sister Irene Jones Hopper.

HAPPY CREEK CHURCH: (Virginia) Elder T. E. Majors and wife.

CHURCH ST. CHURCH: (Virginia) Sister Noel L. Wilson.

PINE CHURCH: Brother J. W. Williams and wife, Brother J. A. Williams, Brother W. A. Williams and wife,

Sister Mary Sowers, Brother Kemp Walker and wife.

EL BETHEL CHURCH: (Florida) Elder Gleen Scholts and wife, Sister Teri Spitzer.

BETHEL CHURCH: (Florida) Elder H. E. Harris and wife, Brother James A. Harris.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH: (Tenn.) Elder Roy Gene Barker and wife.

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Brother Bernard Wilkens and wife, Brother Rufus Bullins and wife.

MILL CHURCH: (Virginia) Brother Linwood Thompson and wife, Brother Ronald Thompson, Sister Judy Thompson, Sister Ollie Thompson.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (It was emphasized that any of our Brethren and Sisters who are privileged to attend another association can represent our Association.)

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder V. V. Willard, Elder Charles Smith, and Elder E. H. Simpson.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: lst weekend in September, Bethel Church, Elder Joe Helms.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: 3rd weekend in August, Boiling Springs Church, Elder Charles Smith, Brethren Joe Baucom, Carl Haigler and W. B. Simpson.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: 2nd weekend in September, Fellowship Church, Elder Newell Helms.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Minutes and visitors if possible.

POWELLS VALLEY: 3rd weekend in August, Halls Cross Roads, Brethren Oren Baucom, Larry Austin and Edward Pressley.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: 2nd weekend in September Mt. Vernon Church, Elder Newell Helms, Brethren Larry Austin, Joe Baucom, and Thomas Broadway.

SOUTH ARKANSAS: Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder Newell Helms was unanimously appointed to write the Corresponding Letter, to be approved at our Saturday session.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at nine o'clock. (Meeting to continue at Forest Hills High School.)

Benediction by Elder V. V. Willard

SATURDAY, September 16, 1972.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment in the Forest Hills High School Auditorium at nine o'clock A.M. After songs of praise and prayer by Elder A. E. Broadway The Association continued with business as follows:

12. Acknowledged visitors from corresponding associations and non-corresponding associations and churches who have arrived since our Friday session and listed their names under Items 6 and 7.

13. Called for report from Finance Committee: Reported as follows:

Received from churches	$1,441.00
Received from friends	361.00
Total	$1,802.00

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from corresponding associations as usual.

15. Called for Corresponding Letter which was read and approved and ordered inscribed in the Minute.

16. Extended invitation for churches of the Association to request fifth Sunday meetings and unanimously granted the following:

OCTOBER 1972	Watson Church
DECEMBER 1972	Meadow Creek Church
APRIL 1973	Bethel Church
JULY 1973	Mills Chapel Church

17. Unanimously agreed to hold the next session of the Association with Union Grove Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1973, and that the pastor of that church deliver the Introductory Sermon, by move, second, and vote.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1400 copies of the minute printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend same, and that he be allowed $350.00 for printing, mailing,

and Clerk's expenses and services.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that allowed in Item 18 to ministers present, and any other associational expenses the Finance Committee may deem expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to the members and friends of Pleasant Grove Church and community for help in every way during this meeting. We also wish to thank Mr. Hogan, Principal; Mr. Haigler, Custodian; Forest Hills High School, and the F.F.A. boys who directed the parking on Saturday and Sunday, and all others who contributed to our comfort.

21. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place designated in Item 17 after reading and approving the minute.

Benediction by Elder Danny Parker.

ELDER JOE C. HELMS, MODERATOR
BROTHER T. B. CURLEE, CLERK
BROTHER OREN N. BAUCOM, ASS'T CLERK

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches	$1,441.00
Received from friends	361.00
Total	$1,802.00

Disbursements:

Printing, mailings, and Clerk's services and expenses	$ 350.00
Ministers and miscellaneous expense	1,452.00
Total	$1,802.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Joe C. Helms, John 3: 14

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Orvin J. Huffman, Job 32: 1
Elder J. E. Johnson, Heb. 11: 15

Friday Night:

Elder Roy Gene Barker, Failed to get text
Elder Elvin Layne, Failed to get text

Saturday Morning:

Elder Edward Cagle, Joshua 24: 12
Elder Elzie D. Speir Sr., Eph. 3:
Elder Gus Harter, Acts 2: 41-43

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Dewey Roten, John 6: 32-39
Elder J. L. Hopper, Acts 7: 47
Elder Danny Parker, Romans 8: 17-25

Saturday Night: (Pleasant Grove)

Elder I. G. Heaven, lst Thes. 5: 18
Elder Worth Stephenson, Isaiah 9: 6

Saturday Night: (High Hill)

Elder Gene Watson, Luke 15: 11-22
Elder David Hembree, Eph. 2: 1-5
Elder Roger Price, Rev. 22: 1-2

Saturday Night: (Lawyer's Spring)

Elder H. E. Harris, Failed to get text
Elder Micky Wilson, Failed to get text

Saturday Night: (Liberty Hill)

Elder George McNure, Failed to get text
Elder Wiley Sammons, Failed to get text

Sunday Morning:

Elder Glenn Scholts, John 10: 1-9
Elder Wiley Sammons, lst Cor. 15: 58
Elder M. R. Altom, Isaiah 53:
Elder J. S. Stephenson, John 1: 1

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder H. E. Harris, Gal. 4:
Elder C. M. Mills, lst Cor. 2:

HOME MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS

Elders:

Benton, W. M., Route 1, Box 140, Leland, N. C. 28451 673-6860
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Helms, Joe C., Peachland, N. C. 28133 272-9522
Helms, Newell, Route 2, Box 48, Monroe, N. C. 28110 283-6570
Kerley, Rom, 903 Alma Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081 938-4375
Mills, C. M., 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28205 537-9510
Mintz, W. C., Box 324, Little River S. C. 29566 249-1579
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Simpson, E. H. Route 4, Concord, N. C. 28205 782-7593
Smith, Charles L. 1105 Concord Ave., Monroe, N. C. 28110 289-1697
Stack, F. W. Jr., Box 713, Monroe, N. C. 28110 283-8480
Willard, B. D., Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107 769-2058
Willard, V. V., Route 2, High Point, N. C. 27260 882-2820

Licentiates:

Baucom, Joe N., Route 2, Box 908, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Efird, John Route 1, Rockwell, N. C.
Willard, F. C., 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107

VISITING MINISTERS, CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Elders:

J. L. Hopper, Route 1, Eva, Ala. 35621
J. E. Johnson, Route 5, Box 109, Boaz, Ala.
Elzie D. Speir Sr., 3310 Grant Road, Conley Ga. 30027
Edward Cagle, Route 1, 355 Cagle Road, Roswell, Ga. 30075
A. D. McGee, Route 2, Angier, N. C.
Roy Speir, 1200 Hedglawn Way, Raleigh, N. C. 27609
J. S. Stephenson, 1008 Stewart St. Fuquay-Varian, N. C.
Worth Stephenson, 903 Stewart St., Fuquay-Varina, N. C.
E. B. Watts, P. O. Box 425, Douglas Ala.
I. G. Heaven, Route 5, Box 396, Cullman Ala. 35055
David Hembree, 134 Jarett Lane, Oak Ridge Tenn. 37830
Roger Price, Calvin Ky.
Mickey Wilson, Corbin Ky.
Gus Harter, 1904 Maplewood Ct. , Decatur, Ga.

Licentiates:

Seba Clifton, Route 3, Benson, N. C.
Albert F. Wilson, Atlanta, Ga.

OTHER VISITING MINISTERS

Elders:

Elvin E. Layne, 3800 Marigold Lane, Modesto, Calif.
Elas Randall, Macon, Ga.
Danny Parker, Route 6, Benton, Ky.
T. E. Majors, 207 Cloud St., Front Royal Va. 22630
Dewey Roten, Fleetwood, N. C.
Orvin Huffman, P. O. Box 1776, Ashville, N. C. 28802
Wiley Sammons, P. O. Box 246, Colliersville, Tenn. 38017
M. R. Altom, 2818 S. Idaho St., Dallas, Texas
A. J. Hylton, Willis Va., 24380
Roy Gene Barker, Route 2, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. 37030
Glenn Scholts, 824 East River Dr., Temple Terrace, Fla.
Gene Watson, 145 Friendly Park Road., Lenoir, N. C. 28645
H. E. Harris, Route 1, Box 187, Caryville, Fla. 32427
George McNure, Georgia

Licentiate:

Raymond Pressley, P. O. Box 54, Brightwood, Va.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sad hearts that we record the death of loved ones. The churches of the Original Bear Creek Association extend our heart felt sympathy to the bereaved families.

PLEASANT GROVE:	Brother Claude Mills Brother Marshall Williams Sister Pearl Helms
UNION GROVE:	Brother Glenn Brooks Brother Kemp Philemon
MOUNTAIN CREEK:	Brother George Vanhoy
LAWYER'S SPRING:	Brother James Robert Horne
HIGH POINT:	Sister Carrie Mitchell
MEADOW CREEK:	Brother G. F. Allmon
WATSON:	Sister Connie Watkins Gordon Brother H. N. Curlee
PARK VIEW:	Brother Vernon Lauton
LIBERTY HILL:	Brother Floyd S. Honeycutt Brother Jerry S. Deese
JERUSALEM:	Sister Melia Jane Austin
MILL'S CHAPEL:	Sister Ala Lee Brother F. L. Nance
NEW HOPE:	Brother J. W. Womack

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BETHEL: M. D. Anderson Shalotte, N.C. 28459

CORINTH: Marvin Styers, 607 Clay St., Kings Mountain, N. C. 28086

CROOKED CREEK: W. T. Broadway, Route 1, Indian Trail, N. C. 28079

HERRINS GROVE: J. L. Lewis, Route 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124

HIGH HILL: Larry Austin, Route 3, Monroe. N.C. 28110

HIGH POINT: H. M. Willard, Route 5, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107

JERUSALEM: Fred Baucom, Route 2, Marshville, N. C. 28103

LAWYER'S SPRING: Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C. 28133

LIBERTY HILL: Reece Eury, Route 1, Oakboro, N. C. 28129

MEADOW CREEK: Fred Eudy, Route 1, Box 109, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124

MILLS CHAPEL: Jeff Hardy, 307 Goldston St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Artis Medlin, Route 5, Box 434, Albemarle, N. C. 28001

NEW HOPE: W. W. Davis, Route 2, Hopkins, S. C. 29061

OAK GROVE: Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Route 1, Chesterfield, S. C. 29707

PARK VIEW: C. L. Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Road, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107

PLEASANT GROVE: T. B. Curlee, Route 3, Marshville, N. C. 28103

PLEASANT HILL: G. L. Auman, Route 1, Star, N. C. 27356

UNION: V. H. Solomon, Route 2, Box 460 Gastonia, N. C. 28052

UNION GROVE: Oren N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

WATSON: T. L. Simpson, 3432 Craig Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28211

(Send all corresponding minutes or any other correspondence pertaining to the Original Bear Creek Association to the Asst. Clerk whose name and address appears on the front cover.)

To the messengers and churches of the Original Bear Creek Association, together with our corresponding associations, ministers, and those of like precious faith.

Having obtained help of the great ancient of days, we continue unto this present day, being blessed to sit under the sound of the gospel and enjoying the sweet peace and fellowship of His Kingdom. We desire to render joyous priase for the faithfulness of God, the fellowship of Christ, the comfort of the spirit, the power of prayer, the prevalence of faith, the force of the truth, and the glory of the gospel to the all sufficient God and only Redeemer Jesus Christ. Thus we can only say "At thy altar, O Lord, let all honor and glory be laid!"

No new gospel do we aim to declare, as we feel the truth as taught by our Saviour, revealed by His spirit, and laid down in His written word is incapable of improvement. More faith is needed, but now a new doctrine; a firmer confident God; a stronger trust, but not a more solid foundation. Let us then, fight the good fight of faith putting on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand together against the wiles of that evil one.

We appreciate immensely all who have come to be with us in this meeting, especially our visiting ministers preaching the soverign grace of God and instructing us to walk in paths of righteousness of His names sake.

Our prayer is for continued love and fellowship and hope you will have a desire to visit us often. May God's rich blessing abide upon all, and let us continue to praise and adore the glorious God and His unspeakable gift, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christian Love,

Elder Newell Helms

CHURCHES, MEETING TIMES

BETHEL: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Elder Mintz, 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Elder Benton, 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

CORINTH: lst Sunday Afternoon, 3rd Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Night before – Pastor

CROOKED CREEK: 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

HERRINS GROVE: 4th Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Night before – Pastor

HIGH HILL: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before, Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning – Elder Smith

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday Morning, 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before – Pastor

JERUSALEM: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor

LAWYER'S SPRING: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning – Elder J. Helms

LIBERTY HILL: 2nd Sunday Morning – Elder Smith, lst Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Night before – Pastor

MEADOW CREEK: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning – Elder N. Helms

MILL'S CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor, 4th Sunday Morning – Elder Kerley

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday Morning, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday Morning – Minister by appointment 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

OAK GROVE: 2nd Morning, Saturday Night before, 4th Sunday Morning – Pastor

PARK VIEW: lst Sunday Night, 3rd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning– Pastor

PLEASANT HILL: 3rd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before 4th Sunday Night – Pastor

UNION: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before, 3rd Sunday Morning – Pastor

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastors, 4th Sunday Morning – Elder Smith

WATSON: 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Communion Sundays	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Newell Helms	2nd Aug.	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... 2	206	$ 198.00
Mountain Creek	Elder C. M. Mills, Elder H. L. Poplin	3rd July	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	76	100.00
Lawyer's Spring	Elder V. V. Willard	1st Aug.	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	78	75.00
Crooked Creek	Elder A. E. Broadway	4th July	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	40.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard	4th May & Aug.	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	158	175.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Charles Smith	1st June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	69	100.00
Watson	Elder D. B. Willard	4th May	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	36	40.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	3rd June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	70.00
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms	1st Sept.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	90.00
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	3rd May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	56	63.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Charles Smith	1st July	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	104	125.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder Joe C. Helms, Elder C. M. Mills	2nd July	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	53	70.00
Bethel	Elder Newell Helms	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	2	3	78	75.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	3rd May	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	20.00
Herrins Grove	Elder Rom Kerley	4th June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	35.00
Jerusalem	Elder A. E. Broadway	2nd Aug.	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	35.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	2nd June	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	60	60.00
New Hope	Elder Joe C. Helms	4th Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	10.00
Oak Grove	Elder F. W. Stack, Jr.	4th May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	7	15.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	1st May	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	41	40.00
	Totals		36	1				9	21		1,441.00

Total Membership 1,284
Contributed by Friends 361.00
Total Contributions ..... $ 1,802.00